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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
DONALD R. RICCI, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/744,916)
Filed: January 31, 2001)
For: SMALL VESSEL EXPANDABLE)
STENT AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCTION OF SAME)
Examiner: Bruce Snow
Group Art Unit: 3738
February 28, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Initially, please change the Attorney Docket No.
to 213202.00271.

Applicants petition the Commissioner to extend
the time for response to the August 28, 2002 Office Action to
February 28, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710
\$930.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee
required, and any overpayments should also be charged to

Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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In response to the August 28, 2002 Office Action, please enter the following amendments in compliance with the February 25, 2003 OG Notice Re Amendments in Revised Format.

I. Introductory Comments

Kindly amend the specification and claims as shown on the attached sheets. Also, please enter the remarks set forth in the attached Remarks sheets.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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